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Dear Honorable Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the documents listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08A form prior to the preparation of a first *Office Action* and initial where indicated on the form after reviewing the listed documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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